

Ban to UN summit: Stop fuelling Syria bloodshed



UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Tuesday called on states to stop sending weapons to the Syria conflict as the United States and Russia wrangled over destroying Syria's chemical weapons.

"I appeal to all states to stop fuelling the bloodshed and to end the arms flows to all parties," Ban said as he opened the annual UN General Assembly.

Russia is the key arms provider to President Bashar al-Assad while Syria accuses Saudi Arabia, Qatar and other Gulf states of arming opposition rebels.

The UN chief also called on Assad and the rebels -- and "all those in this hall with influence over them" -- to press for a peace conference to end the war that has left more than 100,000 dead.

"Military victory is an illusion. The only answer is a

political settlement," he told world leaders.

Ban's appeal came as the United States and Russia haggled over a Security Council resolution to back an agreement for Assad to give up chemical weapons.

"I look forward to the imminent adoption of an enforceable Security Council resolution on chemical weapons," Ban said.

"This should be followed immediately by humanitarian action," he said.

US Secretary of State John Kerry was to meet his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov later in New York on Tuesday to discuss the UN resolution and their joint chemical disarmament plan.

A top Russian diplomat said that the resolution could be enforced under Chapter VII of the UN Charter.

Russia had earlier accused the United States and its al-

lies of using "blackmail" at the United Nations by seeking approval for military force.

Ban voiced hope for progress in ending the 30-month civil war in Syria following the August 21 chemical attack near Damascus, which the United States estimates killed 1,400 people.

"The response to the heinous use of chemical weapons has created diplomatic momentum -- the first signs of unity in far too long," Ban said.

"Now we must build on it to get the parties to the negotiating table," he said.

Ban noted that "the vast majority" of the more than 100,000 dead in Syria were killed by conventional weapons.

"We can hardly be satisfied with destroying chemical weapons while the wider war is still destroying Syria," Ban said.

"It is time to end the killing and reach the peace the Syrian people need and deserve," he said.

Ban called for "full accountability for serious international crimes" -- either through the International Criminal Court in The Hague "or by other means consistent with international law."

Ban also returned to some of his key themes of encouraging development and fighting climate change.

Senate leader eyes Sunday scrap over US gov't shutdown



Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Senate faces a Sunday showdown over whether to keep government running, but bickering over President Barack Obama's signature health care law is bringing federal agencies dangerously close to shutdown.

A fractured Congress is

struggling to approve a stop-

gap spending bill that keeps

government doors open after

the current fiscal year ends

next Monday.

The Republican-led House of Representatives last week passed a contentious measure that funds government operations at current levels through December 15, but which also strips the three-year-old health care law, known as "Obamacare," of all its funding.

Senator Harry Reid, the Democratic majority leader,

vowed to thwart ongoing Republican efforts to do the same in his chamber, telling reporters on Tuesday that "the Senate will not pass any bill that defunds or delays Obamacare."

He has set up an initial procedural vote on the matter for mid-day Wednesday, and both parties acknowledged that the measure will reach the 60 votes necessary in the 100-member body.

Reid said he will then strip out the Obamacare language, and amend the budget bill to fund government only until November 15 instead of mid-December.

That would push Congress to quickly work out a long-term budget deal instead of extending the fiscal crisis right up to the end-of-year holiday period.

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WORLD ALZHEIMER'S REPORT 2013 REVEALS GLOBAL ALZHEIMER'S EPIDEMIC CREATING SHORTAGE OF CAREGIVERS, LACK OF SUPPORT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

London/Aruba: The World Alzheimer Report released recently by Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) examines the latest global and regional trends of older people needing dementia care, and provides an analysis of long-term care systems around the world.

The report reveals that as the world population ages, the traditional system of "informal" care by family, friends, and community will not be sustainable. Data from the 2013 World Alzheimer's Report predicts the number of dependent older people will rise from 101 million in 2010 to 277 million in 2050, an almost threefold increase. Nearly half of them are living with Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia, quickly becoming a global health crisis.

The Aruba Projection: Based on the population projection ("medium scenario"), 2010-2030 of the Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba (CBS), this World Alzheimer's report indicates that by 2030, the Aruba population will consist of 3,800 persons developing or suffering from Alzheimer's or related conditions (A.D.). This number is an increase by 2.5 times greater than the 2010 estimate ($\pm 1,500$ persons). So, without a medical breakthrough, the number of people with A.D. conditions in Aruba is expected to be almost triple by 2030 when compared with the estimate of 2010. This increase is much higher when compared to the World Alzheimer's Report 2013, which expects a

Number of dependent older people to increase to 277 million by 2050, half with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementia



triplication by 2050. On average symptoms of A.D. and related conditions are noticed by families more or less three years before a firm diagnosis is made. Alzheimer's and related conditions are the single greatest cause of disability in older Aruba citizens (aged 65 years or older) and the third leading cause of disability burden overall. The Alzheimer's Foundation of Aruba projects that by 2030 Aruba will face a shortage of paid and unpaid carers for people with A.D. and related conditions.

The global report provides a comprehensive view of the impact the disease has on society. A particular focus this year was the impact of Alzheimer's and dementias on those who provide care. The report concluded that there is need for additional support in order to lessen the burden on the individual as well as the global infrastructure.

Professor Martin Prince, leading author of the report, comments "People with dementia have special care needs. Compared with other long-term care users they need more personal care, more hours of care, and more supervision, all of which is

associated with greater caregiver strain, and higher costs. Their needs for care start early in the disease course, and evolve constantly over time, requiring advanced planning, monitoring, and coordination. That's why dementia needs to be a public health priority and adequate planning needs to be in place so that people with dementia can live well."

ADI is calling for all governments to make dementia a priority by developing National Dementia Plans to ensure that national health and social care systems are adequately structured and funded to provide high-quality long-term care to people throughout the dementia journey.

Marc Wortmann, executive director, Alzheimer's Disease International said: "We need to value those that provide frontline care for people with dementia. This includes paid, as well as unpaid family caregivers, who share much in common. Governments need to acknowledge the role of caregivers and ensure that there are policies in place to support them."

The report comments that the current investment in research and development into

of Alzheimer Disease International and Alzheimer IberoAmerica, it provides advocacy, support services (Alzheimer's Social Club), second opinion on neuropsychological diagnostics, education and information in four main languages (Dutch, English, Spanish and Papiamento). Further on in cooperation with Alzheimer's Associations around the world, F.A.A. provides information in other languages (among others Chinese, Greek, German, Portuguese, Hindi, etc.).

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Chabad-Lubovitch Rabbis invite all Jewish tourists to their Simchat Torah



Ahron and Dovid with the Lulav and Etrog

The etrog is an item equally strong in scent and flavor. "This are symbolic of the many kinds of people of which human kind is comprised," explains Dovid. "The purpose of Sukkot is that we all join together as a community under the sukkah, where everyone is appreciated and honored for the varied personalities."

"Sukkot is a time of rejoicing and gratitude for our blessings, such as the harvest," notes Ahron, "but also a celebration of our equality in the eyes of the Lord. From the most venerated Rebbe to the youngest baby, we are all united and equal under the sukkah."

Like many visitors to Aruba, they are quite entranced by the people and community they have met here, and are considering establishing a Chabad-Lubovitch Center that could accommodate Orthodox Jewish visitors, particularly in providing Glatt Kosher cuisine. They visited with Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman early in their visit, and report he was quite enthusiastic at the possibility.

Aruba's Temple Beth Israel Synagogue will be conducting a formal Simchat Torah service, the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, and the beginning of a new cycle. Simchat Torah is a component of the Biblical Jewish holiday of Shemini Atzeret ("Eighth Day of Assembly")

For more information about tomorrow's event with the Blasbergs, contact Ahron at 743-5157.

By Rosalie Klein

The island is honored to have two young rabbis of the Chabad-Lubovitch Center in Brooklyn Heights spending the Jewish holiday of Sukkot, "The Feast of Booth, or Feast of Tabernacles," on Aruba. Ahron Blasberg and his wife Chaya, are spending two weeks enjoying Aruba's "rarified ambiance" with his brother Dovid and their two children, Menny and Leah.

The family has rented a private home directly across from the King David Suites in Palm Beach, and have built a traditional Sukkah in the yard, where they are welcoming members of the local Jewish community to come share a repast in a special ritual existing since biblical times.

The dancing and rejoicing associated with this festive holiday will begin tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM, and any Jewish vacationers are invited to join them to observe the holiday.

Ahron and Chaya had visited Aruba briefly this past summer during the Chabad/Lubovitch annual outreach effort, in the company of two other student rabbis. Both are teachers, and Chaya actually works with small, far flung Jewish communities, preparing youngsters for Bar or Bat Mitzvahs via the Internet.

They welcome anyone to join them in saying the blessings over the lulav and etrog, symbolic items that have particular significance regarding the equality and unity of the Sukkot service. The mitzvah of reciting the blessing stems from Leviticus 23:40 in the Torah: "And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD our God for seven days."

The lulav is a twining of branches of willow, myrtle and palm, each with individual characteristics, ranging from strongly scented with no flavor, to those with no smell but a very strong taste. The lemon of the etrog is an item equally strong in scent and flavor. "This are symbolic of the many kinds of people of which human kind is comprised," explains Dovid. "The purpose of Sukkot is that we all join together as a community under the sukkah, where everyone is appreciated and honored for the varied personalities."



Chaya and Ahron with Leah



The Blasbergs with their home made Sukkah

Spiral Roundabout at airport opened officially!



In the presence of Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman, Minister of Infrastructure Benny Sevigner and Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber and the involved companies and invited guests the Spiral Roundabout (Spiraal Retonde) at the airport entrance was officially opened yesterday afternoon. It took six months for the retonde to be finished but it was worth it as the traffic is flowing much better now. The retonde is used daily by drivers commuting back and forth to and from San Nicolas and Oranjestad and other districts, also by tourists visiting our beautiful island.

Aruba say's "Masha Danki"



Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice family whom are Loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba, as Distinguished Visitors and Goodwill Ambassadors at their home away from home. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest who visits Aruba for between 10 and 20 years consecutive. The honorees are:

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Senate leader eyes Sunday scrap over US gov't shutdown

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(AFP)--Should Reid's Senate schedule prevail, "we'd finish sometime on Sunday," he said.

That would leave the House less than 48 hours to either pass the amended bill or send a re-worked counteroffer back to the Senate.

Government agencies would begin shutting their doors early Tuesday if no spending agreement is reached, and hundreds of thousands of federal workers would likely be ordered to stay home with no pay.

The top Senate Republican, Mitch McConnell, said he hoped to compress the process, leaving the House more time to work its will.

"If the House doesn't get what we send over there until Monday, they're in a pretty tough spot," he said.

McConnell also stressed that "any one senator can object to any effort to shorten the process."

That lawmaker on Tuesday was Senator Ted Cruz, whose effort to block Reid's strategy appeared doomed to failure as McConnell and other Republicans peeled away.

Cruz nevertheless took to the Senate floor to announce he would speak in opposition to funding Obamacare "until I am no longer able to stand."

"We don't need fake fights, we don't need fake votes. We need real change," the conservative Cruz said, blasting Washington's "rigged process" that keeps Obamacare funded.

Cruz's speech had all the feel of a typical Senate filibuster, a blocking tactic aimed at preventing legislation from moving forward.

But Reid insisted proce-

dures were in place that would require Cruz to stop his speech by mid-day Wednesday.

"There's no filibuster going on now," Reid said. "People can come and talk. But they can't do anything to change when we vote."

With Cruz leading his conservative charge, a fellow Republican warned that threatening a government shutdown over Obamacare may come back to haunt the party next year.

"Defunding Obamacare is a goal all Republicans share, but the tactics we employ in achieving that goal can have a backlash," Senator Lindsey Graham said.

US mid-term elections will be held November 2014, and the fight over Obamacare is set to figure prominently in Republican efforts to win back the Senate and extend its control of the House.

Should Congress pass a budget bill with no Obamacare provision, Republicans including Graham have suggested they will seek to use the next fiscal hurdle -- the need to raise the debt ceiling -- to negotiate a delay to the health law's implementation.

The US Treasury may hit its legal borrowing limit of \$16.7 trillion by mid-October, and failure to raise the debt limit could send the US into its first-ever credit default.

Obama has insisted he will not negotiate over the need to raise the debt ceiling and prevent a default, but the White House has stressed that Obama has said he is willing to negotiate "within the context of a broader budget agreement."



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By Rosalie Klein

Test of law... and bladder force exam rerun

TOULOUSE (AFP) - An entry exam for one of France's top legal schools is to be rerun because some candidates were allowed to go to the toilet during the five-hour test. Toulouse University confirmed Monday that one of the examinations for would-be entrants to its law school will have to be taken again by every candidate because a sympathetic supervisor allowed some desperate students to take a comfort break.

The show of compassion came after a female student, unable to hold out any longer, gave up altogether and fled the exam room in tears.

University authorities deemed that the supervisor had "exceeded his authority" and may have handed the students allowed to visit the bathroom an unfair advantage in light of the contemporary prevalence of cheating by smartphone. The exam will be held again on October 5 and this time the students will have been warned: make sure you've gone before you sit down and be ready to cross your legs for the duration.

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Including Smithfield debt, the deal's value comes to \$7.1 billion.

The deal had to clear a number of hurdles, including questions from some politicians worried about Chinese control of a company deeply part of the US food system, and a review by the national

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Shuanghui International won the largest ever Chinese takeover of a US company Tuesday when shareholders of pork giant Smithfield Foods approved its \$7.1 billion offer.

The deal locks in for Shuanghui and the giant Chinese market a strong supply from the world's largest pig raiser and pork processor.

Smithfield said the deal received 96 percent of the votes cast at a special shareholders meeting, despite an earlier challenge by a key investor arguing that it undervalued Smithfield.

Smithfield president and chief executive Larry Pope called the deal "a great transaction for all Smithfield

Dutch 2nd quarter GDP contraction revised to 0.1%

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - The Dutch central statistics office said Tuesday the country's economy contracted by 0.1 percent in the second quarter, revising up its previous estimate of 0.2 percent.

The revision still leaves in recession the Dutch economy, which has now contracted for four consecutive quarters.

Against the same period

last year, gross domestic product (GDP) contracted by 1.7 percent during the April through June period, compared to the initial estimate of 1.8 percent.

The statistics office said Tuesday that the number of jobs fell by 137,000 in the second quarter, a drop of 1.7 percent from the same period in 2012 instead of a 1.9-percent decrease initially estimated.

JPMorgan offers \$3 bn to settle Justice probes: report

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - JPMorgan Chase has offered to pay about \$3 billion to settle an array of pending Justice Department probes, The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday, citing a person familiar with the discussions.

The Justice Department argued JPMorgan would need to pay billions above the \$3 billion offer to settle the cases, according to the person.

The newspaper, citing people familiar with the matter, said that JPMorgan, the biggest US bank by assets, and the Justice Department had expanded the settlement talks to include an array of cases.

It said it was unclear which of the more than half a dozen open Justice Department investigations into JPMorgan's conduct would be resolved by such an agreement.

The talks are "very fluid" and an agreement "far from

certain," people close to the situation told the Journal.

A spokesman for JPMorgan declined comment. The Department of Justice did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

JPMorgan faces a range of pending civil and criminal probes, including on its sale of mortgage-backed securities before the financial crisis and its hiring of the relatives of top Chinese officials.

Federal prosecutors in New York have launched criminal probes of JPMorgan's handling of the "London whale" trading debacle and its trading activity in the US electricity market. These two criminal probes would not be covered by the current deal being discussed, the Journal said.

Last week, JPMorgan agreed to pay \$920 million in fines to US and British regulators over the "London whale" debacle.

Smithfield agrees to takeover by China's Shuanghui

Shuanghui Group and Henan Shuanghui Development, which it calls China's largest meat processing operation.

It reported \$6.2 billion in revenues last year, mainly from meat processing and distribution through 13 Chinese provinces.

The Smithfield deal will help Shuanghui satisfy China's hunger for pork, after the country's imports more than tripled between 2005 and 2010, to nearly two million tonnes a year.

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International News

Kenya mall siege over, 67 dead



NAIROBI (AFP) - Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta announced Tuesday that a four-day siege by Islamist gunmen of a Nairobi shopping mall was over, with the "immense" loss of 61 civilians and six members of the security forces.

"Our losses are immense," he added, announcing three days of national mourning.

He said five attackers had been killed and 11 suspects were in custody.

The president said "three floors of the mall collapsed, trapping several bodies within the rubble including those of terrorists." Police said the current death toll was provisional, with the Kenyan Red Cross saying 63 people were still listed as missing.

In one of the worst attacks in the country's history, a group of attackers marched into the four-storey, part Israeli-owned Westgate Mall at midday Saturday, spraying shoppers with automatic weapons fire and tossing grenades.

Somalia's Al Qaeda-linked Shebab rebels said it carried out the attack in retaliation for Kenya's military intervention in Somalia.

Kenyatta said that "forensic

investigations are underway to establish the nationalities of all those involved" amid reports Americans and a British woman were among the insurgents.

There has been growing media speculation at the possible role of wanted British extremist Samantha Lewthwaite, daughter of a British soldier and widow of suicide bomber Germaine Lindsay, who blew himself up on a London Underground train on July 7, 2005, killing 26 people.

Lewthwaite is wanted in Kenya, and is accused of links to the Shebab.

The president said intelligence reports had suggested that a British woman and two or three American citizens "may have been involved in the attack", but said could not yet be confirmed.

Kenyan army chief Julius Karangi has said the attackers were from "different countries". Many foreign fighters, including Somalis with dual nationalities, are members of the Shebab force.

Close to 200 were wounded in the four-day long carnage, which saw running battles between militants and security

forces in the complex, popular with wealthy Kenyans, diplomats, UN workers and other expatriates.

The siege developed into a hostage drama with Shebab claiming hostages were being held, and Kenyan special forces -- who were backed by Israeli, US and British agents -- describing the stand-off as delicate.

Non-Muslims selected for execution

Shocked witnesses said the attackers weeded out non-Muslims for execution by demanding they recite the Shahada, the Muslim profession of faith. Children were also executed.

As well as scores of Kenyans -- from ordinary workers to the president's nephew -- many of the dead include foreigners, including six Britons, as well as two Canadians, a Chinese woman, a Dutch woman, two French women, two Indians, a South African and a South Korean.

"The people who did this, they are vigilantes, they are animals," British businessman Louis Bawa, whose eight-year-old daughter and wife were killed, told the Daily Telegraph.

Away from Westgate, Nairobi on Tuesday appeared to have returned to largely business as usual, but the attacks have shocked Kenyans deeply.

Blood donor appeals ended after banks filled with donations from hundreds, while over \$650,000 (490,000 euros) has been raised to support the families affected.

Israeli interests in Kenya have come under attack before, and the Westgate mall -- frequented by well-to-do Kenyans, diplomats, UN workers and other expatriates -- has long been seen as a potential target.

The siege, which has revived memories of the 2008 Mumbai attacks, is the worst attack in Nairobi since an Al-Qaeda bombing at the US embassy killed more than 200 people in 1998.

Intelligence sources from two foreign countries who could not be named said there had been no leaks or "chatter" ahead of the attack, despite close monitoring.

Two Britons, three Italians charged over France cocaine haul

PARIS (AFP) - Two Britons and three Italians were charged Tuesday with smuggling 1.3 tonnes of cocaine worth an estimated 200 million euros (\$270m) into Paris on an Air France flight, a judicial source said.

The drugs were concealed inside 30 suitcases that were placed on a plane from the Venezuelan capital Caracas to Paris on September 11.

Paris judges charged the five men, aged between 26 and 45, with importing and trafficking narcotics in an organised gang, the source said.

Venezuelan authorities, meanwhile, have detained 10 people in connection with the drug bust, including an officer from the anti-drug unit of the Bolivarian National Guard and

two National Guard sergeants.

According to police sources, the drugs arrived in France on September 11 but were not seized until the 20th, the investigators apparently having allowed time to see who was picking them up.

Part of the haul was seized at the airport and some on a truck headed towards Luxembourg -- a route which suggests the end destination could have been the Netherlands or Britain.

British, Dutch and Spanish police were involved in the operation that led to the seizure, the biggest ever on French soil.

Venezuela has indicated that the traffickers must have had assistance from people working within Air France's operation at Caracas airport.

Ban to UN summit: Stop fuelling Syria bloodshed



litical settlement," he said.

Ban's appeal comes as the United States and Russia haggle over the language in a Security Council resolution meant to seal an agreement for Assad to give up chemical weapons.

US Secretary of State John Kerry was to meet his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov later in the day. Russia is the main supporter of Assad, while the rebels receive support from Western nations and Sunni Arab monarchies.

A top Russian diplomat said that the resolution would include the article of the UN Charter that allows the use of force or sanctions.



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British police search for body in slavery probe

LONDON (AFP) - British police were on Tuesday hunting for human remains as part of an investigation into alleged slavery at several sites in Wales.

More than 100 officers have searched a string of properties in south Wales after a man was found living in harrowing conditions at a farm in the village of Marshfield, near the city of Newport, 13 years after his family reported him missing.

Darrell Simester had torn clothes and missing teeth when he was found by police last March at the farm, which is described by the local council as occupied by gypsies and travellers.

Four people were arrested Monday by police investigating the alleged slavery, in a case the interior ministry described as "shocking".

A second "vulnerable" man, believed to be from eastern Europe, was discovered on Monday. His mental and physical health were being examined by Red Cross officials.

Meanwhile forensic teams were combing the Marshfield farm after police received evidence that a person may have been buried there.

Several other addresses in south Wales were raided on Monday over claims that people have been kept in poor conditions and forced to work for no pay.

"In addition to the suspected offences in relation to slavery and servitude, we are also acting on intelligence which suggests that the body of an unknown person may be buried at the Marshfield site," said Detective Superintendent Paul Griffiths of Gwent Police.

World Bank sets \$700 mn for women's, children's health

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - World Bank President Jim Yong Kim announced Monday that at least \$700 million would be made available over the next two years for women's and children's health needs in poor countries.

Speaking at the United Nations, Kim said the money was to help developing countries meet the targets of the Millennium Development Goals, by focusing programs on achieving results rather than just the gross deployment of resources.

"We need to inject greater urgency into our collective efforts to save more women and children's lives, and evidence shows that results-based financing has significant impact," Kim said, according to his prepared remarks.

"The World Bank Group is committed to using evidence-based approaches to help ensure that every woman and every child can get the affordable, quality health care necessary to survive and live a



healthy, productive life."

The new funding comes from the World Bank's International Development Association, and adds to \$600 million pledged for IDA programs related to the millennium goals in 2010.

The bank said its approach has fostered concrete results in reducing maternal and infant mortality and in expanding health care access.

For instance, it said, its approach enabled sharp gains in just one year in Burundi: births at health facilities increased 25 percent, prenatal consultations

rose 20 percent, and the number of children fully vaccinated increased by 10 percent.

Kim was speaking at a meeting of international political, business and development-focused leaders on how to achieve the anti-poverty Millennium Development Goals with just over two years to go before the target date.

The goals, established in 2000, lay out tough targets for reducing poverty and hunger, improving education, and improving health and health care for the world's most impoverished.

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As world looks on, Brazil assails US over cyber spying

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - Brazil blasted the United States Tuesday for its cyber spying program, calling it no way to treat friendly nations, and called for international regulation of the Web.

A stern-faced President Dilma Rousseff, fighting low approval ratings at home after huge street protests in August, launched her broadsides from the podium of the United Nations in the open-

ing hours of the annual UN General Assembly.

She said recent revelations of US cyber spying -- including against Brazil -- from fugitive intelligence contractor Edward Snowden had caused "anger and repudiation among vast sectors worldwide."

She said the intrusion was even worse in Brazil, as personal and corporate data -- from oil giant Petrobras --

and communications from embassies and even her own office were intercepted.

"Meddling in such manner in the lives and affairs of other countries is in breach of international affairs and as such it is an affront to the principles... that otherwise govern relations between countries," Rousseff said through a translator.

The official English text of her speech called the spying a violation of international law.

She added that the US argument that the surveillance by the National Security Agency was aimed at protecting against terrorism simply is "untenable."

The case of Brazil has exacted perhaps the biggest diplomatic toll yet for the United States since the surveillance became known a few months ago.

Rousseff was to visit Washington next month but has now called off the high profile trip.

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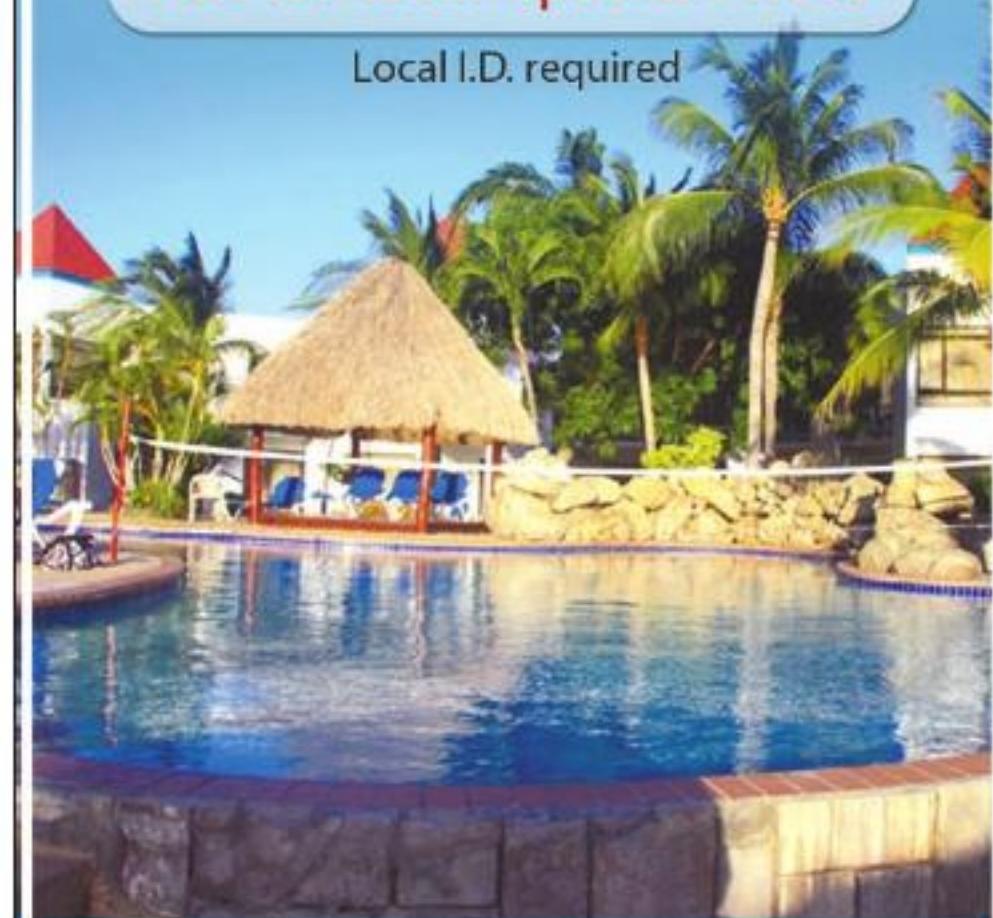
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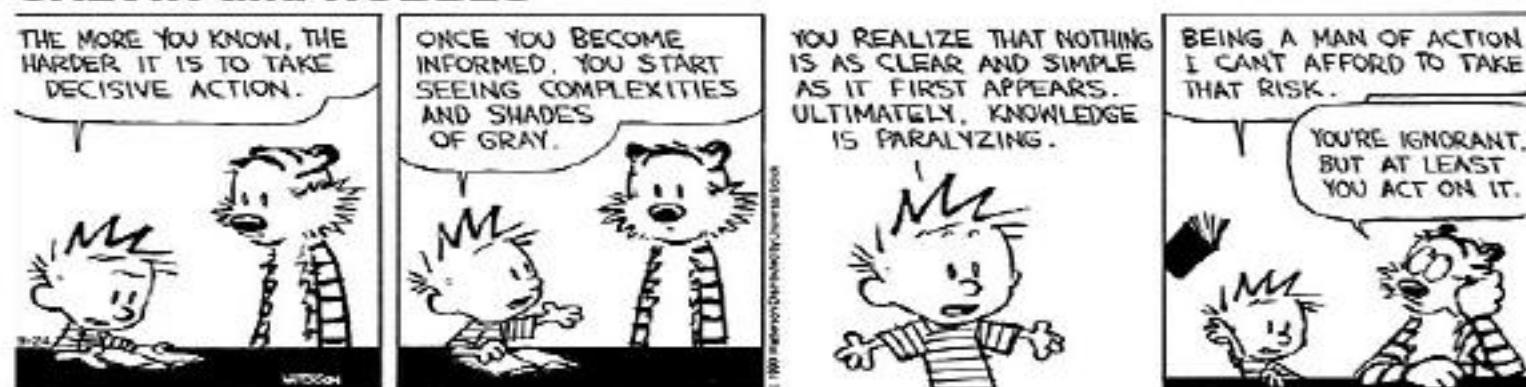
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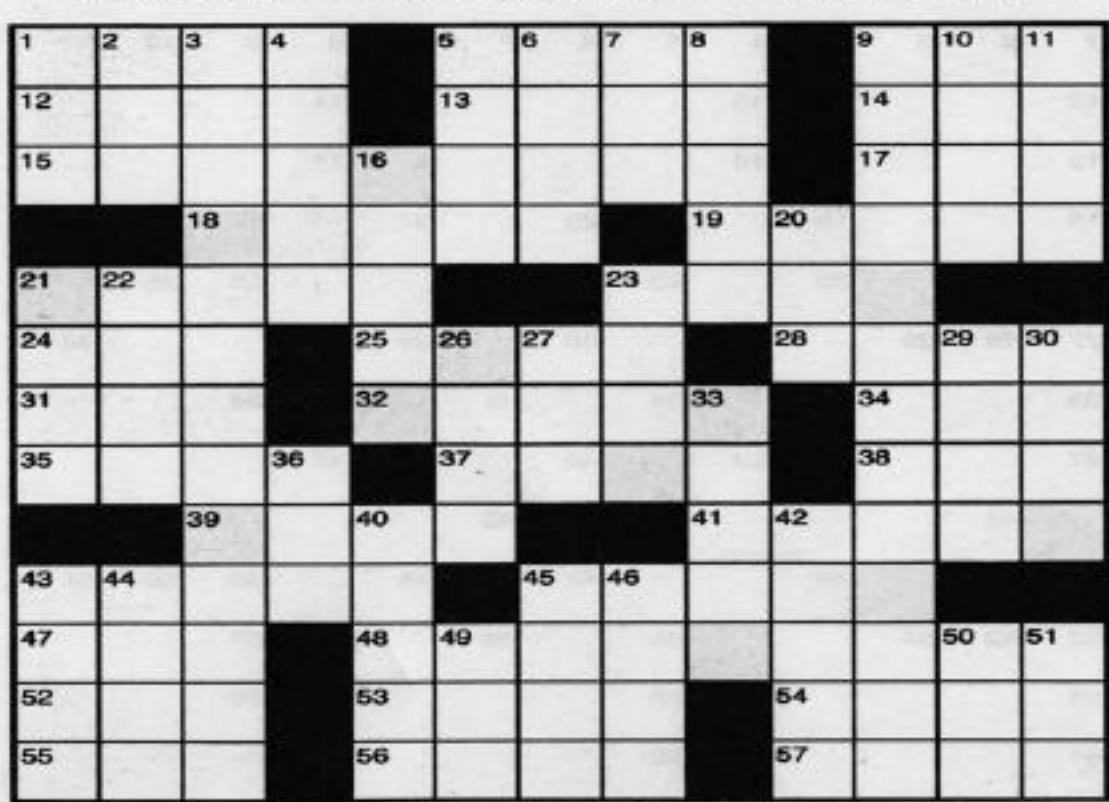
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ACROSS

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- 5. Banter
- 9. Male swan
- 12. Seasonal song
- 13. Hawaiian isle
- 14. Artist Yoko
- 15. Highly pleased
- 17. Teachers' gp.
- 18. Looks over
- 19. Movie award
- 21. Searches for
- 23. Pennsylvania's Great Lake



- 24. Interfere
- 25. Catch sight of
- 28. Ship's jail
- 31. Omelet ingredient
- 32. Harry Belafonte's daughter
- 34. Dam-building agcy.
- 35. Actress Witherspoon
- 37. Spanish cheers
- 38. Baseballer Ott
- 39. Additionally
- 41. Tibetan capital
- 43. Carved gem
- 45. Bedlam
- 47. Stately tree
- 48. Toddler's friends
- 52. He took the reins from HST
- 53. Retained
- 54. Artist Magritte
- 55. Corn serving
- 56. Boot bottom
- 57. Depicted

DOWN

- 1. Unaffiliated voter (abbr.)
- 2. Shad product
- 3. "Frasier" star (2 wds.)
- 4. Oily
- 5. Part of JFK
- 6. Consumes
- 7. Feminine pronoun
- 8. English dynasty
- 9. Symphony figure
- 10. Draft status (hyph.)
- 11. Wild pig
- 16. Fuels
- 20. Sis, e.g.
- 21. Specification (abbr.)
- 22. Therefore, to Caesar
- 23. "Jane ___"
- 26. "Scram!"
- 27. Friend
- 29. Singer Burl
- 30. Inaugural ball, e.g.
- 33. Muslim religion
- 36. Ballantine product
- 40. Second-yr. students
- 42. Cache
- 43. Grant by treaty
- 44. Actor Alan
- 45. Telephone
- 46. Jekyll's alter ego
- 49. ___ G. Carroll
- 50. Compass dir.
- 51. Embroider

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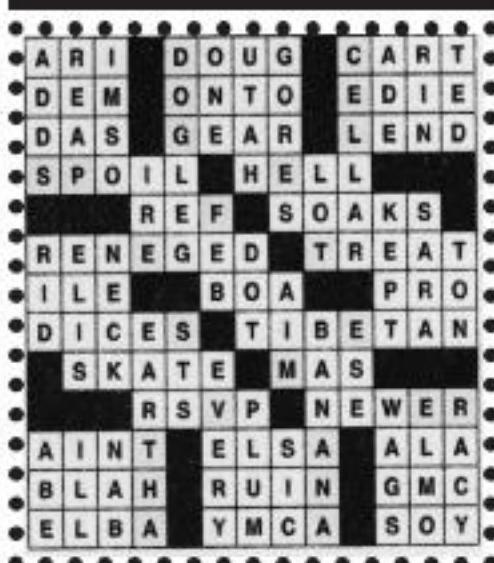
Brazil's Petrobras nixes refinery deal with Venezuela

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Brazil's state-run oil giant Petrobras has scrapped a proposed partnership with its Venezuelan counterpart in the ongoing construction of a refinery in northeastern Brazil, the economic daily Valor reported.

The Rio-based company withheld comment on the report.

As of November 1, the Abreu e Lima refinery will become a Petrobras business unit, ending bilateral talks which began more than six years ago between Brazil's ex-president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and his now deceased Venezuelan counterpart Hugo Chavez, Valor said.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



With a population of more than 200 million, Brazil is urgently trying to boost its production of diesel oil to meet growing demand and reduce imports.

While awaiting a 40 percent participation by Venezuela's state-owned PDVSA oil company in the project, Brazil began building the refinery south of Recife in 2007.

Venezuela's promised investments failed to materialize however.

The refinery, the first being built in Brazil in more than 30 years, is now 72 percent completed and has a planned refining capacity of 230,000 barrels a day.

Petrobras has invested more than \$17 billion in what it views as one of its priority projects.

In April, Marcelino Guedes, the managing director of the Abreu e Lima refinery, said the facility would begin operating in November 2014 with a refining capacity of 115,000 barrels a day.

By May 2015, that capacity is expected to double to 230,000 barrels a day, equivalent to 11 percent of the country's current refining capacity.

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Oil prices mixed as supply concerns fade

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Global oil prices finished mixed Tuesday amid easing supply concerns fueled by speculation about a diplomatic solution to the West's conflict with Iran over its nuclear program.

The price of US benchmark West Texas Intermediate for November delivery dropped 46 cents to close at \$103.13 a barrel, the fourth day in a row of decline.

European benchmark Brent North Sea oil futures for November delivery tacked on 48 cents to \$108.64 a barrel.

Oil prices have been in retreat recently in part due to the diminished chance of a US military strike on Syria and, more recently, hints of a diplomatic opening between the West and Iran.

During an address to the United Nations Tuesday, President Barack Obama pushed for pursuing diplomacy with Iran's new government, but called on Tehran to be transparent about its nuclear program.

Iran's economy has been crippled by a series of UN and US sanctions aimed at crippling its nuclear program. The West suspects the program includes nuclear weapons, an allegation Iran denies.

"If they do indeed follow through with things and get sanctions lifted, they (Iran) have a lot of oil they can put on the market," said Kyle Cooper, managing partner at IAF Advisors in Houston, Texas.

US oil prices rallied from a low of \$102.30 earlier in the day in part out of recognition that any change in Iran's status in the international community

would take significant time, Cooper said.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi lent further downward pressure to prices, telling reporters on the sidelines of a Riyadh meeting that his country is "ready to compensate for any shortfall in the oil market."

James Williams of WTRG Economics said there was no obvious reason for the divided performance of WTI and Brent on Tuesday.

However, Williams said some traders think the gap between the two prices is "too small" given the lofty supplies in the US and the difficulties with transporting oil there compared with Europe.

Meanwhile US stocks ended an up-and-down day mostly lower as investors watched an uncertain Washington budget debate as the end-month deadline for funding the govern-

ment looms.

At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 66.47 (0.43 percent) to 15,334.91.

The broad-based S&P 500 dropped 4.38 (0.26 percent) to 1,697.46, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index added 2.97 (0.08 percent) to 3,768.25.

Investors are anxious ahead of the October 1 deadline looms for a bill to fund the government, with Democrats and Republicans far apart on talks in Washington.

If a bill is not passed by the Congress, parts of the government could be shut down from the beginning of October.

The Conference Board reported consumer confidence fell in September. A report on US home prices showed higher prices in July, but pointed to a slowing in the rate of increase.

Germany's Wintershall to invest \$3.35 billion in Argentine oil field

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Energy giant Wintershall, Germany's largest producer of crude oil and natural gas, will invest \$3.35 billion to drill for oil in southern Argentina, sources here said Tuesday.

Under the 10-year deal, Wintershall, which is owned by BASF, will search for shale oil in Vaca Muerta, one of the world's largest non-conventional petroleum reserves.

Jorge Sapag, governor of Neuquen province, where the Vaca Muerta oil field is located, signed letter of intent in

Germany on Monday.

The vast Vaca Muerta oil field, which was discovered in 2010 by Spanish oil company Repsol-YPF, covers an area of 30,000 square kilometers, with estimated reserves of 22.5 billion barrels of oil.

Debt-ridden Argentina is eager to develop its own sources of energy, so that it can achieve energy self sufficiency.

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QINGDAO (AFP) - Wanda chairman Wang Jianlin (R) speaks during a press conference for the ambitious "Oriental Movie Metropolis", billed as China's answer to Hollywood, in the eastern port city of Qingdao on September 22, 2013. Sprawling across 376 hectares (900 acres) on the outskirts of the eastern port city famous for its beer, the yet-to-be constructed facilities will include 20 studios, billed as the largest in the world amid hopes that it will produce some 200 films per year.

Jackson lawyer attacks promoter as trial nears climax

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The promoters of Michael Jackson's last tour were "so excited" about making huge profits that they hired an unfit doctor for the star, his family's lawyer said Tuesday in closing arguments.

As a five-month trial draws to a close, Jackson attorney Brian Panish said the self-styled King of Pop was "an easy target" for AEG Live, which was managing his "This is It" tour starting in London in 2009.

Jackson died on June 25, 2009 from an overdose of the anesthetic propofol at his rented Holmby Hills mansion outside Los Angeles, where he was rehearsing for the "This is It" shows at London's O2 Arena. He was 50 years old.

Dr. Conrad Murray, a cardiologist, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in a criminal trial in 2011 for giving the drug to the "Thriller" star -- who suffered from chronic insomnia -- to help him sleep. He was jailed for four years.

In the civil trial, the singer's mother Katherine Jackson, 83, is seeking massive damages -- her lawyers

have cited \$1.5 billion in lost income and an unspecified amount for emotional loss and other damages -- for Jackson's death.

She alleges that AEG Live negligently hired an inappropriate and incompetent doctor for her son and missed a series of red flags about his failing health in the run-up to his death.

"They chose not to check anything about Dr. Murray's background ... They chose to run the risk, to make a huge profit, and they lost and they're responsible," he said.

"AEG wanted the King of Pop in their arena in London. They would do whatever it took to get him on stage... They were so excited about how much money they were going to make," he added.

Summing up his case, he said Jackson may have been one of the world's most famous entertainers but in his mind he was like "a real-life Peter Pan."

AEG Live counters that it did not sign a contract with Murray, and that a promised \$150,000 a month for his services would come from an advance it was making to Jackson, meaning effectively

Women in 15 nations need spouse's okay to work: report



Women working at Bolivia's largest textile company, Ametex, in La Paz.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - At least 15 countries give husbands the power to prevent their wives from working, the World Bank said in a report on gender equality in business.

"Many societies have made progress, gradually moving to dismantle ingrained forms of discrimination against women. Yet a great deal remains to be done," said World Bank President Jim Yong Kim in the preface to the report.

Among 143 countries covered in the report "Women, Business and the Law 2014", 15 -- including Iran, Syria, Bolivia and Gabon -- give men the right to object to and prevent their wives from taking jobs.

In 79 countries, laws restrict the kind of work women can do, the report said.

"The most extensive restrictions on women's employment are in Eastern Europe and Central Asia," the report said.

In the Republic of Guinea, it said, a wife can fight her husband's decision in court, but she must prove that it is unjustified to have his decision overturned.

Such rules remain in part due to history.

"Vestiges of history remain codified in certain economies simply because legislation such as the Code Napoleon was adopted wholesale and not regularly reviewed or updated.

"The notion of head of household, for example, was removed from France's Civil

that the star hired his own doctor.

The issue of who hired Murray is crucial to the case, and Panish re-played video clips of AEG Live CEO Randy Philips, in which he told Sky News that Murray was "willing to leave his practice for a very large sum of money.

Panish told the jury they will get a sheet with five key questions, to which they must answer Yes or No, when they retire to consider their verdict, possibly by the end of this week.

The first question asks them whether, in their view, "AEG Live hired Dr Murray," followed by whether "Murray was unfit or incompetent to perform the work for which he was hired."

Others include whether AEG Live "knew or should have known that Dr Murray was unfit or incompetent, and this unfitness or incompetence created a particular risk to others."

AEG Live's lead lawyer, Marvin Putnam, is due to present his side's closing arguments after Panish concludes his summing up.

Code in 1970 but persists in many civil codes throughout West Africa."

In Russia, women are banned from 456 professions, including drivers of farm trucks, conducting freight trains and woodworking.

Many of those rules were inherited from the former communist regime of the Soviet Union and were left unchanged.

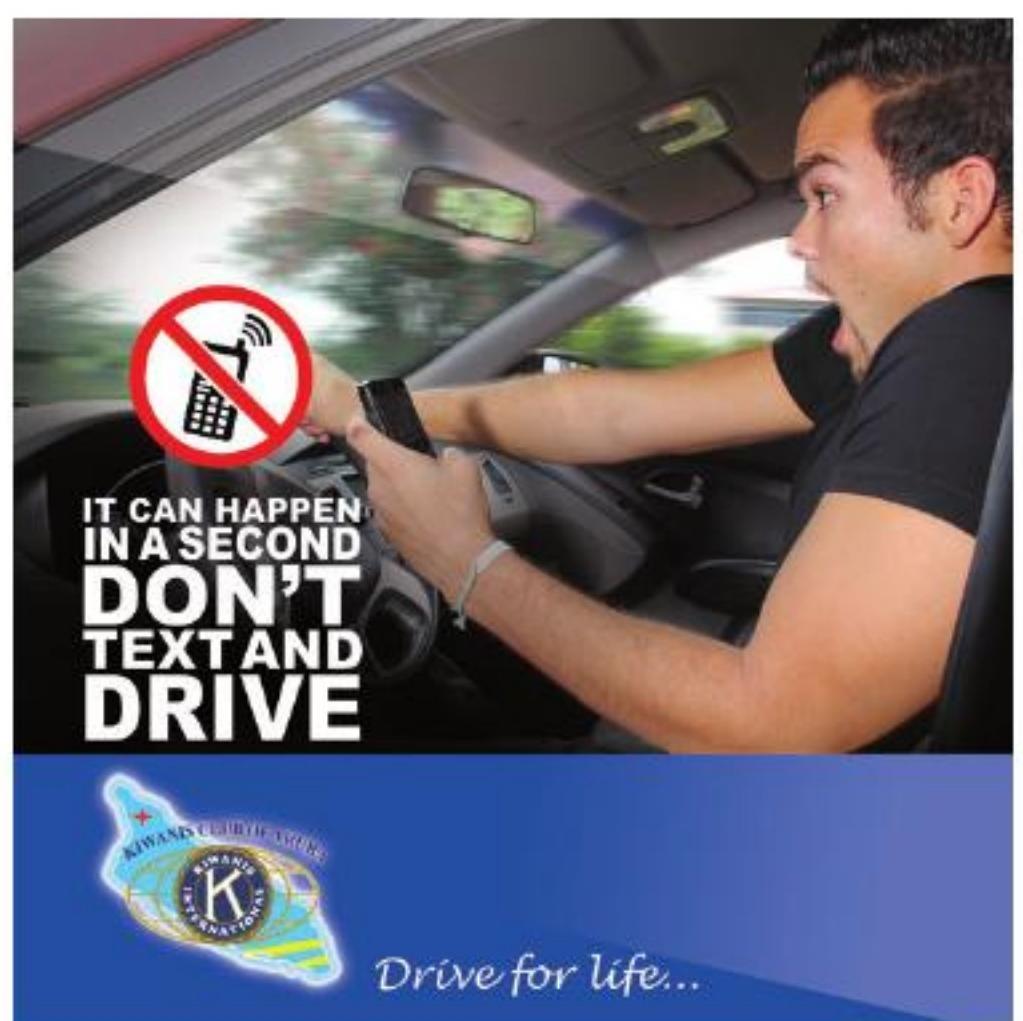
One result, the report said, was that the Russian Federation had a high earnings difference between genders during the transition to a market economy.

But at least 29 countries, including Saudi Arabia, Honduras and Senegal, have laws that systematically establish men as family heads giving them powers over crucial decisions such as where to live, obtaining important documents like passports, or opening bank accounts.

But the report notes that developed Western countries have also been slow to change their rules. Permission for women to launch their own court cases without their husbands' permission came in Spain only in 1981 and, in Switzerland, in 1984.

Progress continues, according to the report. In two years, 48 legal changes increased gender parity in 44 countries, including Ivory Coast's 2013 decision to allow women to work without their husband's permission.

On the other hand, Egypt recently moved the other way in the wake of the country's revolution, and the political rise of Islamic forces, the country removed constitutional guarantees against gender discrimination.



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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very



pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold

Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance

this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's classic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine.

The Queen's

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom,

Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta).

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

They are open daily, for Dinner from 6.00p.m. to

11:00pm, Telf: 5860606 and email: saus.arubancuisine@live.com, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

SPORTS



-- Continuing with our en route to the World Cup, Brazil 2014 we'll end today the list of the 20 best defenders of all time with #1 - The Best Defender, Franz Anton Beckenbauer, who with his superb talent and skill contributed greatly to his national team.

Franz Anton Beckenbauer (born in Munich, Germany on September 11, 1945) is a German football coach, manager, and former player, nicknamed Der Kaiser ("The Emperor") because of his elegant style, his leadership, and his first name "Franz" (reminiscent of the Austrian emperors), and his dominance on the football pitch.

Franz grew up in the working-class district of Giesing and, despite his father's cynicism about the game, started playing football at the age of nine with the youth team of SC Munich '06 in 1954.

Beckenbauer made his debut with Bayern in the Regionalliga Süd ("Regional League South") on the left wing against Stuttgarter Kickers on 6 June 1964. In his first season in the regional league, 1964–65, the team won promotion to the recently formed Bundesliga, the national league.

In 1963, at the age of 18, Beckenbauer was engulfed by controversy when it was revealed that his then girlfriend was pregnant and that he had no intention of marrying her. Perhaps as a result of the less permissive social values of the era, he was banned from the West German national youth team by the DFB, and only readmitted after the intervention of the side's coach Dettmar Cramer.

Bayern soon became a force in the new German league, winning the German Cup in 1966–67 and achieving European success in the Cup Winners' Cup in 1967. Beckenbauer became team



captain for the 1968–69 season and led his club to their first league title. He began experimenting with the sweeper (libero) role around this time, refining the role into a new form and becoming perhaps the greatest exponent of the attacking sweeper game.

He is generally regarded as the greatest German footballer of all time and the greatest and most decorated footballers in the history of the game. Beckenbauer was a versatile player who started out as a midfielder but made his name as a defender. He is often credited as having invented the role of the modern sweeper or libero. He has been awarded the Golden Ball in Europe in 1972 and 1976. Beckenbauer appeared 103 times for West Germany and played in three World

Cups. He is one of only two footballers, along with Brazil's Mário Zagallo, to have won the World Cup both as a player and as a coach. He is the only one to win it as captain and coach. He lifted the World Cup trophy as captain in 1974, and repeated the feat as a manager in 1990. He is also one of only two players, along with Brazil's Djalma Santos,

to make three FIFA World Cup All-star teams (1966, 1970, 1974). With the club Bayern Munich, he won the Cup Winners' Cup in 1967 and three consecutive European Cups from 1974 to 1976. The latter feat made him the only player to win three European Cups as captain of his club. He went on to become coach and later president of Bayern Munich. He is also a member of the National Soccer Hall of Fame.

Today, Beckenbauer remains an influential figure in both German and international football. He led Germany's successful bid to host the 2006 FIFA World Cup and chaired the organizing committee. He currently works as a pundit for Sky Germany and is a columnist for mass tabloid Bild.



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NFL: Manning's Broncos rout the Raiders



DENVER (AFP) - Quarterback Peyton Manning, who threw seven touchdowns in Denver's opener, tossed another three Monday night, and the Broncos routed the Oakland Raiders 37-21 at Sports Authority Field.

The 37-year-old American has the most touchdown passes through the first three games of the National Football League season with 12.

"You see flashes of good things," said Manning who hasn't thrown an interception so far. "When we are executing and not making mistakes, you can go the distance."

Manning became the first quarterback in 51 years and sixth overall to throw seven touchdowns in a game in Denver's opener against the Baltimore Ravens. He had two passing touchdowns against the New York Giants in week two.

Manning was 21-of-24 for 264 yards and three scores in the first half against the Raiders. He finished 32-of-37 for 374 yards for Denver.

The Broncos improved to 3-0 on the season and have outscored their opponents 127-71 this season.

Eric Decker caught eight passes for 133 yards and a touchdown, while Wes Welker grabbed seven passes for 84 yards and a touchdown for Denver.

"Our wide receivers did a good job getting open and finding the some holes in the zone," Manning said.



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Baseball: Pirates end 21-year playoff drought

CHICAGO (AFP) - For the first time since 1992, the Pittsburgh Pirates are going to the Major League Baseball playoffs.

The Pirates clinched a post-season trip with a 2-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Monday, combined with a Washington loss at St. Louis, also ending a futility streak of 21 consecutive losing seasons.

"The fans in Pittsburgh have been waiting a long time for the baseball team to come back and play winning baseball," said Pirates second baseman Neil Walker.

"I've been a part of this organization since 2004. I've seen a lot of players, seen a lot of up, seen a lot of down, but we knew we had a special group here."



The Pirates won three division titles in a row from 1990 through 1992 with a young Barry Bonds, the major league home run king, in the lineup. But that group never reached the World Series, a feat that has not been accomplished by the Pirates since their 1979 championship.

This year's team has been impressive in its own right,

winning 90 games against 67 defeats, and it remains in the hunt for a National League Central division title. At the very worst, the Pirates will play in next Tuesday's NL wildcard playoff game.

Pittsburgh's youngest player, 23-year-old pitcher Gerrit Cole, was just past his second birthday the last time the Pirates had a playoff game.

MLB Standings					
American League			National League		
	East	W L Pct GB	East	W L Pct GB	
BOSTON	95	62 .605	ATLANTA	92	.64 .590
TAMPA	87	69 .558	WASHINGTON	84	.73 .535 .85
YANKEES	82	74 .526	PHILADELPHIA	71	.85 .455 21.0
BALTIMORE	81	75 .519	NY METS	71	.85 .455 21.0
TORONTO	71	85 .455	MIAMI	58	.99 .369 34.5
Central					
DETROIT	91	66 .580	ST. LOUIS	92	.65 .583
CLEVELAND	86	70 .551	CINCINNATI	90	.67 .573 2.0
KANSAS	83	73 .532	PITTSBURGH	90	.67 .573 2.0
MINNESOTA	66	90 .423	MILWAUKEE	70	.86 .449 21.5
CHICAGO	62	94 .397	CHICAGO	65	.92 .414 27.0
West					
OAKLAND	94	63 .599	DODGERS	90	.66 .577
TEXAS	85	71 .545	ARIZONA	79	.77 .506 11.0
LA ANGELES	76	80 .487	SAN DIEGO	73	.83 .468 17.0
SEATTLE	68	89 .433	SAN FRANCISCO	72	.84 .462 18.0
HOUSTON	51	106 .325	COLORADO	71	.86 .452 19.5

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ

Cycling: US hits back in Armstrong lawsuit filings

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US government fired back at Lance Armstrong in a federal court filing after the doping-disgraced American cyclist had asked for the dismissal of a civil fraud lawsuit against him.

Armstrong, who admitted taking performance-enhancing drugs to win the seven Tour de France titles that were stripped from him, had argued that the government, including his former team sponsor the US Postal Service, should have known he was doping all along despite his lies denying it.

Armstrong also argued in a July request to dismiss that the US Postal Service received the benefits attached to his victories for its \$40 million (29.7 million euros) sponsorship from 1998-2004, but the filings Monday in response to Armstrong's claims challenged those assertions.

Armstrong, who confessed his doping last January in a televised interview with Oprah

Winfrey, pulled off "arguably the greatest fraud in the history of professional sports," according to the government filing.

The original case against Armstrong was brought in 2010 by former Armstrong teammate Floyd Landis, himself a disgraced US rider who was stripped of a Tour de France title and later admitted doping.

Under whistleblower laws, Landis would receive a portion of the damages if the government, which joined his case in February, is successful.

With potential triple damages to be recovered under the False Claims Act, Armstrong could be hit for \$120 million if he loses the case.

Five fraud lawsuits were filed against Armstrong, including one by Acceptance Insurance Company seeking \$3 million in bonus money paid for Armstrong's Tour wins from 1999-2001.

Football: Neymar strikes as Barca extend perfect start

MADRID (AFP) - Neymar scored his first league goal in Spanish football as Barcelona maintained their 100 percent start to the campaign with a 4-1 win over Real Sociedad at the Camp Nou on Tuesday.

The Brazilian bundled home Alexis Sanchez's cross after just five minutes and then expertly teed up Lionel Messi to plant a diving header past Claudio Bravo three minutes later.

Sergio Busquets added a third before half-time with a sweet strike from 20 yards to register his first goal of the season as the home side produced their best 45 minutes of the campaign to date.

Alberto De la Bella reduced the arrears for Real Sociedad midway through the second

half, but Messi crossed for Marc Bartra to round off the scoring 14 minutes from time as Barca scored four for the third consecutive game.

Messi wasn't having his best night in front of goal as he blasted another glaring opportunity over the bar after accelerating past three defenders at the beginning of the second period.

Real were then given a glimmer of hope when Agirretxe did well to hold off Gerard Pique and square for De la Bella to tap home 26 minutes from time.

However, Barca's three-goal advantage was restored 12 minutes later when Messi wriggled his way towards the by-line and his low cross was guided home by Bartra.

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Team Aruba competes with NORCECA in Beach Volleyball



Machado suffers bad leg injury



TAMPA (AFP) - Baltimore Orioles star Manny Machado was rushed to hospital after suffering an apparent serious leg injury in the seventh inning of a game against Tampa Bay on Monday.

Machado, 21, was taken off the field on a medical cart after he stepped awkwardly and had his left knee buckle while running to first base.

Machado had gone two-for-four with a run scored prior to departing.

Baltimore had a 4-2 lead at the time of Machado's injury, but the Rays rallied for a 5-4 victory to send the Orioles to a fifth straight loss.



There are currently four masculine Aruban Beach Volleyball athletes competing in the Playa International circuit of NORCECA trying to accumulate enough points to rank in the tournament.

We are familiar with several duos in this sport both in the male and female categories. Mitchel Daniel and Eargenel De Cuba as well as Fransua Angela and Gino Hodge are competing in Porta del Sol Beach Volleyball Tournament being held in Boqueron, Puerto Rico. This is the seventh competition of the NORCECA 2013 circuit.

We wish these athletes much success in their efforts to promote Aruba as they perform at their very best.